

"THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW."



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THE ANNUAL OFFERING

By the time this issue of the Reaper reaches the readers, the Week of Prayer will be upon us. The first Sabbath is the time to consider the Annual Offering. The last Sabbath is the time for receiving it.

Today (Nov. 30) the statement from the General Conference showing our standing on the 60 cents a week goal for ten months of this year came into my hands. It reveals that we had only remitted sixty per cent of our goal or .361 cents per week as a Union Conference and I recognize we have but one month more of this year, therefore a supreme effort should be put forth by every conference laborer, every church officer, and by all the lay-believers. Let us remember it is not too late to do Harvest Ingathering work. The Northern Union record in this time of our work hasn't a very commendable showing as compared with other union conferences, and with our own record of previous years.

We have in December two special offerings, the annual and the Thirteenth Sabbath. If we would reach a full sixty cents per week for the month aside from these two offerings, and then make these offerings equal our present shortage of \$96,283.70—we would have our full quota for the year. In order to do this, we should make our Annual and Thirteenth Sabbath offerings equal about \$10.50 per member and in addition give a full sixty cents per week per capita for the month. I believe it is within the possible to do this, and I further believe God would pour out a blessing in proportion to the effort demanded and the sacrifice required.

May I make the appeal to the Northern Union constituency to put forth a supreme effort during the closing days of 1926, in behalf of world-wide missions, to make it the banner year of our history. The Lord is coming, the signs that are indicative of His appearing are portentous. We have reached the time foreseen by our Savior, when earthly treasures are being consumed by the "moth and rust" of worldly uncertainties. Banks are closing everywhere. Earthly securities are proving a disappointment as never before. Therefore we should "lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven where thieves cannot break through and steal.

I shall join you, my brethern, in praying and giving, to the end that the mind of God may be met in us and through us.

Charles Thompson.

FINAL CALL

All Harvest Ingathering funds sent in during the month of December will apply on this year's goal.

If you have not yet reached your individual or church goal, put forth a determined effort to do so; a few calls to your neighbors in your community may bring the desired results.

If all our believers will check up and bestir themselves not to stop short of having reached at least \$10, it will mean several thousand dollars sent in this month. Our missionaries are anxiously looking our way for needed funds with which to answer the providential openings to enter new and needy fields.

Do not let the year close finding you short of having handed to your treasurer or sent to your conference office at least \$10 to apply on the Harvest Ingathering goal for the world-wide mission fields.

Let all cheerfully and faithfully act their part, that by our united efforts the needed funds may be provided to help make possible our mission program of advance for the coming year.

Anol Grundset.

NOW IS THE TIME

to put into act the resolution passed at the recent Fall Council, "That the Plans of the General Conference Home Missionary Department for the annual effort in behalf of the Signs distribution, Nov. 21 to Dec. 4, 1926, be enthusiastically indorsed, and that our ministers and conference workers encourage every church to take a club of Signs for missionary endeavor."

This Pioneer Missionary paper has brought to many homes and souls the saving message for to-day, and many of these are happy and rejoice in the new-found faith.

Many more who are still in error should have the privilege of this weekly messenger of truth. Help send it to interested persons you have found in your ingathering efforts; send it to relatives and friends, to libraries, reading rooms and hospitals. Have a club coming to your church, with which members can do missionary work in the locality.

Let every church plan for at least an average of a yearly subscription for each member in the church.

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WEEK OF PRAYER APPOINTMENTS

(Concluded from last week.)

- H. J. Sheldon:
 Brainerd and Pillager, Dec. 12, 13.
 Staples, Dec. 14.
 Hewitt, Dec. 15.
 Sauk Center, Dec. 17, 18.
- A. J. Haysmer:
 St. Cloud, Dec. 11.
 Alexandria, Dec. 12, 13.
 Barnesville, Dec. 14, 15.
 Fergus Falls, Dec. 16-18.
- O. T. Garner:
 Staples, Dec. 11, 12.
 New York Mills, Dec. 13.
 Richville, Dec. 14, 15.
 Lake Eunice, Dec. 16.
 Detroit, Dec. 17, 18.
- Mary D. Hopkins:
 Anako, Dec. 11.
 St. Cloud, Dec. 18.
- M. L. Andreasen:
 International Falls
 Little Fork
- L. S. Melendy:
 St. Paul Scandinavian, Dec. 11.
 North Branch, Dec. 11.
 Minneapolis Norwegian-Danish, Dec. 13.
 Minneapolis Swedish, Dec. 15.
- The ministers concerned will correspond with the proper church officers, giving definite time of arrival at each place. We pray God for a good week of prayer. M. L. Andreasen.

HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT OF CHURCH TREASURERS FOR WEEK ENDING NOV. 27, 1926

Church	Members working	Receipts	Total to date
Sherburne	9	\$24.70	\$128.81
Hutchinson Eng.	7	23.39	55.69
Minneapolis Eng.	252	5.70	2470.36
St. Paul Eng.	112	5.30	1115.99
*Morgan	12	5.10	326.82
Wright	4	4.90	11.80
Stillwater	24	1.00	214.67
*Rushford	7		124.30
Totals	427	70.09	4448.44
Total cash received to date			15,434.30
Total cash received same date 1925			16,894.20
Net loss compared with 1925			1,459.90

We are glad to have a report from the Morgan church this week showing that they have reached their Harvest Ingathering goal, also one from the Rushford church with similar good news. I am sorry the week's receipts reported are less than for last week, also that the total shortage compared with last year appears to be larger

than a week ago. Some of the church treasurers were late with their November remittance and that has affected the shortage somewhat, although those received for November up to the time this was written totaled \$53.62 more than for the month of November last year, and reduced the shortage by that amount compared with what it was at the close of October. Next week we will endeavor to give a comparative report by churches the receipts for the two years to the close of the records for November, then it will be apparent just which churches should put forth an extra special effort during the remainder of this month in order that we may accomplish as much as or more than last year. Let us all do our best during the next several weeks to make the campaign successful.

Two more names have been reported for the \$25.00 Honor Roll this week, both from the Rushford church. They are Lena Larson and Esther Nelson. Sister Larson almost reached the \$50.00 goal and we hope she will be able to do it before the end of the year A. R. Smouse, Treas.

SPECIAL SUNDAY LAW NUMBER OF PRESENT TRUTH

For some years the advocates of Sunday laws have been putting forth efforts to get national and state Sunday laws, and while they have been successful in many states, they have failed to get a national law, and they claim their defeat has been caused largely by the efforts of our people in scattering literature along with petitions that have been secured and sent in the various legislative bodies. But just now we have reached the "greatest of all religious liberty crises."

Five compulsory Sunday observance bills are now before congress, and their advocates are now making the effort of their lives to see that they will be enacted into the laws of our land. Now is our time to enlighten our representatives and people, and if we fail, a great opportunity will have been neglected. I have just received a copy of the special number of "Present Truth" that has been prepared to meet this situation, and it should be placed in every home and office in Minnesota. It is a splendid, well illustrated number and just what the people need right now. What are you

going to do in your community? I trust that every church elder or leader will lay this matter before his church and secure enough of this special number of "Present Truth," to put one in every home. If we can get orders for 25,000 we can purchase them at a special rate of \$6.00 per thousand and 60 cents per 100. I wonder if all our isolated members could not get 50 or 100, and place them in every home in their neighborhood. There are two petitions in each "Present Truth;" one to the senate, and the other to the house of representatives. Cut these out, paste them on separate sheets of ruled paper, sign both yourself, and get all your neighbors to do so and send one copy to your Senator, and the other to the Representative from your district as indicated at the beginning of each of the petitions.

Let us not fail to do our duty at this time. A. J. Haysmer.

WINONA

"Better late than never, but better never late." Although our Harvest Ingathering goal of \$330 was not quite reached at the close of the campaign period, the Spirit of the Lord worked on, and one after another of our members kept passing in their quotas.

Last Sabbath our elder announced that by the treasurer's accounts we were short of our goal \$28, and asked what should be done? The words were barely spoken when the whole amount was cheerfully given, and we can now happily say that our goal in dollars is reached, and we pray that it may help to win our goal in souls as well.

Mrs. Alice M. Pederson.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

For some years past the General Conference has advocated the plan of Sabbath-school officers,—superintendents, secretaries, their assistants, and leaders of divisions, being appointed for a term of one year. The election of these officers takes place at the same time as that of other church officers. Responsibility of leadership in so important a branch of church work as is found in the Sabbath-school necessitates having the best material for this leadership that can be found in the church. The term of office extending over such a long period of time gives an added reason for careful and prayerful selection of officers. Emphasis

is repeatedly placed on the fact that "the best is none too good"; and as our vision enlarges and we see the possibilities in our Sabbath-schools in the formation of the character of our children and young people and of drawing adult members closer to one another and to God, we will indeed realize that we must have strong Christian men and women to lead out in this work.

The following definite instruction for election is given:

"After selecting the Sabbath-school superintendent, the church nominating committee will find it advisable to invite him to their meeting when the other officers and division leaders are nominated, or, at least, to confer with him regarding their selection, since these leaders are his chief helpers, cabinet members.

"The officers usually filled by election are: superintendent, assistant superintendent, secretary, assistant secretary, chorister, organist, and leader for each of the divisions,—youth's junior, primary, kindergarten, cradle roll, and home department. Vacancies in elective office occurring during the interval between elections may be filled by a special election, or by appointment of the church board."

Information concerning the various duties devolving upon the different officers is given in the Sabbath-school Leaflet Series, Nos. 1-8, which will be furnished free on application.

Program outlines covering one hour and fifteen minutes' time are furnished in Leaflet No. 1. General Conference action granting this length of time for the Sabbath-school was taken some time ago. Properly planned for, every moment of this time can be used to advantage. We are urged to give every feature of the program its allotted time and to endeavor to make it a harmonious whole, that the Sabbath-school may be, "If rightly conducted, one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth." Test., S. S. Work, p. 18.

Every believer in the Sabbath-school is our goal. To reach this we must have our entire church membership and all of the children as members. Enthusiastic members will be receiving daily spiritual blessings from regular study of the lesson; and renewed week-

ly inspiration from appointments kept with the Lord. And surely, the words of the Psalmist, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power", Ps. 110:3, are most appropriate now. Liberal and willing giving is a noticeable trait of Seventh-day Adventists, and in these last days of this earth's history let us show more of this willingness as we become more convinced of "the power of God unto salvation" in both the home land and the foreign fields. Mary D. Hopkins.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The time is drawing near when the officers of the church will be either re-elected or new ones put in their place for the coming year. In order for the nominating committee to name proper officers for the various departments of the church it is necessary to understand the work that is expected of the different departments. When we consider what God expects of the whole church in the way of missionary activities, we come to a very vital part of the work of the church. The following texts of Scripture, and extracts from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White will give us some idea of the work expected of each member of the church, and the kind of men and women needed to head the church missionary department, to organize, train, and lead all the church members into all the territory and work expected of them.

"Go, ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "Go, work to-day in my vineyard." "Go, stand and speak to the people the words of life." "The Savior's commission to the disciples included all the believers . . . in Christ to the end of time." "Arise, shine for thy light is come." "Ye, are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works." "From the beginning God has wrought through His people to bring blessing to the world." "It is the Christian's business to shine." "He who loves God supremely and his neighbor as himself, will be a light to the world." "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit." "Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit." "The church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes." "Let no

church think it is too small to exert an influence, and do service in the great work for this time." "He who becomes a child of God should henceforth look upon himself as a link in the chain let down from heaven to save the world." "No one will enter heaven who is not a laborer to-gether with God." "No one is to be an idler in the vineyard." "They should be taught to be diligent in the missionary work." "God depends upon the church for the forwarding of His work." "God expects the church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world . . . He has given to every man his work." "We must teach the members of the church how they may effectively minister to others." "A working church is a living church." "Will those who have charge of the flock of God awaken to their duty?" "The Lord God of heaven would have the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth." "I call upon the church to pray earnestly that you may understand your responsibilities."

In order that the church may be trained and organized to do the work outlined above, the church missionary department has been established. The officers of this department that should be elected at the annual election consists of a leader and secretary, and in the larger churches an assistant leader and secretary. The nominating committee should give careful and prayerful consideration so as to choose men and women, who can discern what Israel ought to do at this time. Consecrated, earnest, soul-loving persons who will be willing to give time and study to the work of the church. "The leaders of churches in every place should be earnest, full of zeal and unselfish interest; men of God, who can give the right mold to the work."

The elder is the one that should usually be put in as leader of the church missionary society, and associate with him a good secretary. Upon these the church missionary committee lays its responsibility of organizing and leading the church into all its missionary activities. May the Lord greatly bless all our churches in the selection of their officers and in their endeavors to gather in precious souls for the coming year.

A. J. Haysmer.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

The offering next Sabbath, December 11, is the regular second Sabbath offering for local church expense.

Elder Dirksen began a series of meetings in a hall at Mankato, on Sunday night, November 28. He desires that our people also unite in special prayer for the success of the effort there.

The workers at Austin are very busy following up the interest in the series of meetings conducted by Elder M. E. Anderson. The prospects appear very good for a substantial increase in the church membership there as the result.

Elder Andreassen planned to meet with the Hutchinson Seminary church last Sabbath, and to be at Maplewood during the fore part of this week which is being observed as the Week of Prayer at the academy.

Elder Budd reports that he is holding meetings in three different places in the vicinity of Sauk Center and Little Sauk. He says the work is moving along nicely and he hopes to see several other families accept the truth as the result in the near future.

Elder Engen recently reported that he was conducting a short series of meetings at Newfolden just before the Week of Prayer. He says he is also finding interested people in Thief River Falls, where he is now located, who desire meetings to be held there.

Brother and Sister Melendy expected to meet with the Stillwater church last Sabbath. This coming Sabbath, December 11, it is planned for them to meet with the St. Paul Scandinavian church in the forenoon and with the company at North Branch in the afternoon and evening.

We have on hand a reasonable supply of the papers containing the readings for the Week of Prayer in Danish-Norwegian, Swedish and German. These will be sent out to those who wish them free of charge while the supply lasts. We have a few extras of the Week of Prayer Review also, of which we will furnish single copies free while they last to those who need them.

On the evening of November 27, a number of the members and friends of

the Minneapolis Swedish church, gathered at the home of Mrs. Jones in honor of Elder J. M. Erickson's seventy-second birthday. Elder Erickson gave a brief but interesting talk regarding his life experiences from boyhood to the present time, after which the rest of the evening was spent in the enjoyment of music and special songs.

When you pay your tithe, please remember the One Percent Fund. Your contribution to it should if possible be one-tenth the amount of the tithe. That is a small amount for each individual but will total enough for our conference needs if all will follow this plan. A few still seem to figure it on the basis of one per cent of the tithe instead of the income and that is altogether inadequate to the needs as it is so small.

We have secured enough copies of the Review containing the readings for the Week of Prayer so that one could be sent to each name on our isolated mailing list who was not already a subscriber. These have been sent out and we would like to urge upon all of them and also those in our churches who are not Review subscribers, the value of the spiritual food and encouragement furnished through the Review every week. No Seventh-day Adventist can really afford to do without the Review, for it is an invaluable spiritual help and the cost of it is very small compared with the good you will derive from it. Those who read the Review regularly very, very seldom backslide. It is false economy to try to get along without the Review. Just about five cents a week will furnish it to you as the subscription price is \$1.50 for six months or \$2.75 a year. Just now the publishers are making a special offer of the Review, Life and Health, and Liberty, all one year for \$3.00, and many are taking advantage of it. Please send your order to the Minnesota Book and Bible House.

We trust that any who have been delayed in settling up their tithe account for this year's crops or business will make a special effort to take care of it this month, but please bear in mind that December 25 is the last Sabbath in the month and that will be the last opportunity you will have

of turning in your remittance to the church treasurer so it will apply on this year's funds. All church treasurers should plan to send in their December remittances as promptly as possible after December 25, the last Sabbath in the month, and it would be well for announcement regarding it to be made in the church before hand so that all can plan accordingly.

The attendance and interest continues very good in the large effort being conducted in the Garrick Theatre in St. Paul by Elder Johnston and his associates. The interest is evidenced by the large proportion of the audience who are attending regularly, also the many questions and inquiries handed in. These are answered on Tuesday and Thursday nights after the lecture and a live interest in them is evinced by the audience, almost all of whom remain for this feature of the service, although sometimes it takes more than a half hour to answer the questions. The literature given out after each lecture is eagerly received by the people and we feel confident that the Lord will bless in the effort with a rich harvest of souls. Elder Johnston asks that we request all of our people to unite with those of the city churches in special prayer for the success of the effort, at the noon hour on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday, the days when the lectures are given. Our people in the Twin Cities have been loyally supporting this effort in the capitol city of our state, by their prayers, attendance, and contributions, and we feel confident that all the Reaper family will be glad to unite with us in special prayer for the success of this important work. It is suggested, too, that some who live at a distance might like to help in a definite way with the expense of this effort. Any contributions for that purpose mailed to Brother Smouse, the conference treasurer, will be so credited and much appreciated.

CHURCH ELDERS AND LEADERS PLEASE NOTICE

It appears that report blanks for a church census have been sent to all of our church elders and leaders by the Government Census Bureau and of course we want to cooperate with them in every way that we consistently can, so will the elders and leaders of

our churches please fill out these blanks as carefully and completely as possible as soon as the desired information is all available after the end of the year, for you will note the figures called for are for the year of 1926. If any of our church elders or leaders have not received one of these blanks please let me know, also if there is any information requested that we have at the office but which is not available for you, then you may fill in as much as you can and send the blank to me for completion.

A. R. Smouse.

MAPLEWOOD NOTES

Alger Wakefield has enrolled at Maplewood. We are glad to take students at any time.

Plan to enter Maplewood the second semester. Write now to the principal for information concerning courses.

Ruth Maddock's mother came back with her after vacation, and then returned the next day to Brainerd.

Brother Merickel and Junior went to Mapleton, Friday, and returned on Sunday with Mrs. Merickel and the two other children.

Elder and Mrs. Dirksen were dinner guests on Monday. They brought their daughter Vera back after her vacation.

Mrs. Nettie Hills, from Stewartville, Minnesota, returning home from Rome, Georgia, visited her sister Wavie Tubbs on Monday.

Miss Rosenthal entertained her nieces, the Misses Grace, Merle and Madge Rosenthal at thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Tom Dockham accompanied the young ladies.

Vacation seemingly was a pleasant recess for those who spent it away from Maplewood as well as for those who remained here. Only a few were not back for work on Monday.

This first week following vacation was called "Good Form Week." Every day except Wednesday, the chapel hour was devoted to the discussion of the principles underlying courtesy and good manners or demonstrations of crude manners followed by others showing the correct way.

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GENERAL MEETINGS AT UTE

There will be a general meeting at Ute beginning Thursday evening, December 9, and closing Sunday evening, December 12. Elder C. A. Scriven, Dr. J. F. Morse, a sanitarium nurse, and the writer will be in attendance. Dr. Morse will only be there on Sabbath and Sunday. Free medical counsel will be given by the Doctor and nurse. We are anxious to have an unusually profitable meeting.

We are urging our churches and people in the surrounding communities to attend these meetings. Entertainment will be furnished just as far as possible to those attending these meetings from a distance. H. H. Hicks.

CAMPBELL AND SHIDLER MEETINGS

Brothers George A. Campbell and M. W. Shidler report excellent meetings with our churches on their visits thus far. Their itinerary following the one published last week is as follows:

December 6, Muscatine; 7, Davenport; 8, Clinton; 9, Dubuque; 10 and 11, Cedar Rapids; 12, Marshalltown; 13, Ft. Dodge; 14, Algona; 15, Lake City; 16, Ute; 17, Onawa; 18, Sioux City.

I trust that the members of our churches named will make a special effort to be present at this particular service. H. H. Hicks.

HUMBOLDT

For some reason or other a star failed to appear opposite the Humboldt church in the last published statement of the Missions Goal. We regret that mistakes are made, but it is a pleasure to call attention to a church that has raised .719 to the end of ten months. Another statement of the Missions Goal, by churches, will appear shortly and we trust that many more of the churches may be designated by a star, and thereby indicate

that they have gone over the goal of 60 cents per week. Lloyd E. Biggs.

INVESTMENT INTEREST

Fine reports have been coming regarding the Investment work in different Sabbath-schools. It is really surprising how much can be added to the mission funds in this way, and besides it arouses a much deeper interest. "It's just like getting interest in a bank. You have to put in a little something first; the more you put in, the more interest." From reports obtained it is very evident that the more effort made in the Investment work, the greater the interest in missions, and somehow it seems to give to those taking part, a deeper interest in every part of Sabbath-school work.

As soon as the returns are all in—some will be coming all through this month—a list of the schools and amounts raised will be published. Be on the list. Whenever this money is sent to the office, be sure it is labeled "Investment." We do not want to lose out in any of this precious fund that will help us to make up our share of the much needed mission funds.

I shall now give you extracts from letters concerning this work, from two different schools, the reading of which will bring pleasure to you just as it did to me.

Humboldt comes first, with 11 taking part in special effort; the amount thus far sent to the conference treasurer is \$103.73. A letter from this school says: "We had our Investment program and I thought it might be interesting to you to hear a little of how the money was earned. It is very interesting, for when we give a portion to the Lord it always seems to grow very rapidly. One family promised all the cream from the milk of eight cows for one week. In one family the father gave a half interest in a calf born on the day the promise was made. The mother gave all the eggs laid on Sabbath of each month, which amounted to \$10.00, the three children each gave all the roosters sold from one setting of eggs. Another family gave a porcine offering, a widow promised several rows of beans, a little girl gave all the pennies her papa had on Friday evening, a little boy gave potatoes that he had raised himself.

"Nearly every one gave something,

and I wish you could have seen the children's faces as they each told how they earned their money. There are still others who promised to give to the fund, so we are hoping soon to be able to send more."

The other is from Sioux Rapids, where about 30 had a part; the amount sent in thus far is \$96.52, with more to come:

"We had a very interesting program, Oct. 30, and nearly all brought in their returns at that time. In the spring I gave out sixteen dimes to the children and juniors, to invest, and most of them did well, some making their dimes grow to \$4.00. This was a great encouragement to them. Some bought eggs to set, some flower seeds, some sold papers and several invested in tomato, squash and pumpkin seeds. Some adults gave one or two rows of potatoes or tomatoes. Two gave fleece from two sheep and one sister gave the proceeds from the sale of cottage cheese, which amounted to \$17.52.

"We have \$5.00 and one load of oats to be paid in yet and it will put us over the \$100 mark. Anyway, we feel very encouraged and are going to try harder another year."

Aren't these fine reports? I wish we might have every school on the list for something in this before the close of the year;—label it "Investment!"

Mrs. Flora V. Dercas.

IOWA ITEMS

Brother R. E. Bowles of Omaha, and Brother M. W. Shidler, met with the Des Moines church, Sabbath, Nov. 27, in the interests of colporteur work.

Elders Hicks and Nixon spent Sabbath, Nov. 27, at Muscatine and Elder Nixon remained for a few days, holding meetings with the church.

Elder W. K. Smith reports that the Des Moines church expects to make its Ingathering goal in spite of adverse circumstances.

Miss Emma Lewis who has been attending the academy, left here last week for San Diego, Calif., where she will be with her mother and sister.

Elder Scriven and Elder O. A. Tait, editor of the "Signs" who is spending a little time visiting churches in our state, held a meeting in the Des

Moines church, Sunday evening, Nov. 28, Elder Hicks joined them there on his return from Muscatine.

Miss Ellen Jensen is recovering from a threatened attack of pneumonia. She returned to her home last Thursday after spending nearly a week at the sanitarium.

Miss Ada Terwilliger, of the sanitarium office, and Miss Opal Crozier, of the academy, went to Knoxville, Friday, Nov. 26, to spend a few days. Sister Ella Crozier brought them back Sunday and remained over night here.

Calvin Biggs, small son of Brother and Sister L. E. Biggs, was a patient at the sanitarium for a few days last week, being threatened with pneumonia, from which difficulty he has been making good recovery.

Doctor and Mrs. Dunn and family are comfortably settled in the home of Brother and Sister McWilliams, who are planning to spend the winter in California, going overland with others about December 12. Mrs. McWilliams and Frances are visiting relatives near Colorado until that time.

We are mailing a copy of the Week of Prayer Review to our isolated believers in the state and any others who may desire a copy may have it by making request to the Book and Bible House.

Mrs. Sarah Hamilton and Mr. Adda Autin, of Gaston, Oregon, are visiting old friends and relatives at Knoxville and Grinnell. They will remain in Iowa through the winter. Sister Ella Crozier, of Knoxville, entertained these sisters and other old friends of the Knoxville church, Sunday, Nov. 28, which was "Aunt Sarah's" 89th birthday. Her mind is alert and she is spry and full of life and interest just as in earlier days and the friends who have loved her through the years were happy to help her celebrate this four-score-and-nine event.

Others recently registered at the sanitarium are: Gladys Nelson, Exira, appendectomy operation; Mrs. Nels J. Nelson, Exira, taking treatment; Conrad Enfield, Maxwell; Walter Conder, Nevada, operation; Helen Blackwood, Nevada, taking treatment; W. C. Termohlen, Ames; S. B. Larkin, Algona; H. C. Hurd, Christian minis-

ter of Truman, Minn., formerly located at Pleasantville, where he had been well acquainted with Miss Ada Terwilliger and her mother, and this helped to make his sanitarium visit especially enjoyable.

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GEMS FROM THE TRAINING COURSE

"The Devotional Life of the Sunday School Teacher" used in our Sabbath-School Training Course:

"We are careful about health and bodily safety. We make our homes secure shelters from the elements. We look after drainage, ventilation, and warmth. We are careful about food, water and clothes, are we as careful about the moral and spiritual sanitation which we provide for our homes?"

"It is a serious thing to take a class of children or young people, becoming their teacher; and if one has not the mind of the Master, one dare not do it."

"Christ does not go along the paths of life, seeking the lost, save in the person of His disciples."

"It should always be a question with us, when we are interceding for others, asking blessings or help of any kind for them, whether it may not be our duty to take to them what we are asking God to give them."

"He (Christ) loved people into His kingdom. He proved himself a friend of sinners. . . . We can win others for Christ and save them only by love."

"Preparation is, more than half; indeed in many things it is nearly all. Work for which preparation has not been well made is scarcely worth while."

"Careful and painstaking preparation is also important. It will not do to neglect the study of the lesson through the week, and then expect the Holy Spirit to help one to teach effectively, when one comes into the presence of a class. Prayer is mighty, but prayer will not bring into the life either gifts or graces for which we have been too indolent to toil."

These are selections that are well

worth reading and re-reading and to meditate upon. Each one carries a load of thought. Let us put them into practice.
Harry Wentland.

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THE LEOLA AND BOWDLE CONVENTIONS

Elders Oswald, Grundset, and the writer met with the Leola church the evening of November 15 for our first church officers' meeting there. We were pleased to have with us for a part of the time Elder J. W. Schubert of the General Conference, who gave valuable help. The activities of the church were discussed freely from practically every angle during the few days spent there, and we believe much good will result.

The Leola brethren have a most splendid meeting place and full crowds attended, though the thermometer registered low at the time. A splendid response was manifested when Elder Grundset explained the work being done to send 1000 Present Truth to the many Indians in the western part of the state. The same was true at Java where we held the preceding convention, and at Bowdle following, where a joint convention of the Bowdle and Tolstoy churches was held November 18 to 21. Mobridge and interested brethren on the reservation are also helping in this program, and the amount of \$250.00 needed for this undertaking has all been arranged for. At Bowdle a packed house was the rule, nearly fifty cars being counted on Sabbath, and again the vital questions of the church were discussed. Considerable work has been done by this church in the way of spreading literature, but even greater things were agitated.

We feel that much good can be accomplished when workers and laity meet in these councils and go over the many problems that naturally arise from time to time. According to the words of God's servant, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising

our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."

Gordon Oss.

A SHERIFF AND THE PECULIAR MEN

Last summer on a very hot and windy day the writer and Brother Krahn, one of our faithful student colporteurs, were walking from farm-home to farmhome in Ray County. As a rule, colporteurs before leaving a home try to get some knowledge of the people in the next home, and so we found out that our next place to visit was Johnsons. We also remembered, "not to be wise in our own conceits," but to ask wisdom from Him, "who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not." God had that day from the very start showered us with blessings, and on the suggestion of Brother Krahn we had entered the groves more than once that day, not for strength alone, but also to give thanks and praise to the one whom we know we were privileged to walk with.

From one of these groves mentioned we went forth rejoicing to see Johnsons. We made a shortcut across an alfalfa field and got on the road again near Johnson's home. As we came up to the grove surrounding the house, a big car drove up longside of us and stopped. The man in the car fixed his gaze on us. The thought came to me, that this was Johnson, and that he wanted to know what we wanted before we got up to the house. So at once I asked, "Is this Mr. Johnson?" The answer was no, and the question followed, "Do you know Mr. Johnson?" I said no, all that I know about Mr. Johnson is that he lives here, and I thought that you were the man. He again asked, "What are you doing?" I said, that is just what I am longing to tell you. So I stepped up on the runningboard of his car and showed him the Bible prospectus, asking him if he was in the market for a Bible? I noticed that the expression on his face changed, but could not tell why. He relaxed and seemed to have lost all interest in us. He told us that he had plenty of Bibles at home and believed in what the Bible had to say, and then began to explain in an apologetic way why he had stopped and talked to us. He said, I am the sheriff of this county,

and I saw you two men walking, and it looked suspicious to me; we so seldom see people walking nowadays, and I thought you might be some of the car-thieves that the county is so full of, having a car hid away around here somewhere, waiting for the night to take it away. But I am convinced now that you are alright. We then canvassed him, and he went away with a book in his pocket that will prove to him, that Jesus soon will come and set up a kingdom where there will be no car-thieves, and consequently no sheriffs. We entered the home of Johnsons rejoicing over the fact, that we were of the peculiar people, being so zealous of good works, that we were willing to walk in a burning hot sun to do that work, and thereby be able to testify, and have others testify to the fact, that we are the peculiar people, peculiar because zealous of good works. My brother and sister, what testimony have you to bear that will identify you with the peculiar people? Give the colporteur work a chance at you, and you will not be speechless at the wedding.

Karl A. Evenson.
Field Sec'y.

GOSPEL WORKER'S BAND CONDUCTS SABBATH SERVICE

The girl's Gospel Workers Band was introduced at the eleven o'clock hour, October 20, by their advisor, Elder Babcock. After the introduction a program on the work in the Titicaca mission field was carried out. Since it was the Week of Sacrifice, the main object of the program was to inspire the people to give of their means and so help to send workers to that needy field.

Those who were on the platform and participated in this first public appearance of the band were: Dorothy Anderson, Jennie Thompson, Lydia Ehrman, Elnora Balliet, Ella Ness, Martha Dollinger, Martha Holwager, Florence Burgeson, Lillian Moritz, Miss Holsten, Elder Babcock, and the writer. Miss Steinberg and Miss Schmidke being away at the time were unable to meet with the band. Miss Fern Foster has since been added to the membership.

This is only the beginning of the work of this band. We earnestly pray that they may be of great service in

the cause of God, as well as a good example to the students of Plainview.

Catherine Chappell.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sabbath-school conventions held recently in Sioux Falls, Chamberlain, Aberdeen, and Bowdle, with two meetings at Plainview Academy, were successful in that those in attendance realized as never before the possibilities of the Sabbath-school as a soul-saving agency. Many expressed their determination to press "forward, on-word and upward" in this great work. God has marvelously blessed the Sabbath-school work in all the earth, but it takes much labor and prayer to keep this great institution with its 302,139 members moving toward, the Kingdom.

All greatly appreciated the splendid instruction and timely counsel given by Elder S. A. Wellman. India, with her profound problems and marvelous triumphs of the cross, seemed just a little nearer to our hearts as we listened to the story of the progress of the third angel's message in that land. We are deeply grateful to our heavenly Father for the guiding, protecting care that has been over His work through the years. Our faces are set heavenward and we are expecting still greater triumphs in soul-saving through the Sabbath-school.

Grace Stewart.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

The slogan, "More Signs more Souls," should challenge every lover of the message just now.

We still have a few more sets of the Reading Course books in stock. A set at this time would make a splendid gift for your boy or girl.

We still have a few of the Week of Prayer readings on hand in the English, German, and Danish-Norwegian. They will be sent to anyone for the asking.

Study at home, How to give Bible readings, practical nursing and salesmanship. The Fireside Correspondence school offers special courses on these subjects at reasonable rates. Use the long winter evenings in fitting yourself for service. Correspond with Brother Oss, if interested.

The effort at Watertown started Sunday evening, November 28, and at this writing a fair-sized, steady crowd is in attendance. Remember this effort at the throne of grace.

It is not too early to order your Sabbath-school supplies for the next quarter, such as quarterlies, picture rolls, memory verse cards, and color sets.

Nearly 200 Home Missionary calendars have already been sold and sent out. If you have not ordered yours, do so immediately as we have only a limited supply in stock.

Brother and Sister John Oss who left Watertown seven years ago to take up work in China arrived in New York Friday morning, November 26, on their furlough. From there they went to Washington, D. C., where Sister Oss is now visiting with her brother and Brother Oss came to Watertown Friday morning, December 3.

PLAINVIEW ACADEMY NOTES

Merton Babcock was at home for thanksgiving and with his parents was a guest at the academy for thanksgiving dinner.

The Week of Sacrifice at the academy resulted in the giving of \$187.00 to the furthering of the work in the Inca Union mission where the educational sacrifice offering is to go.

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UNION NEWS NOTES

Brother George A. Campbell has been spending a week or more in the Iowa Conference, assisting Brother Shidler in the interest of the book-work. He will remain in that conference until the close of the Week of Prayer.

December 3-6, a meeting of the Missionary Volunteer secretaries and educational superintendents was held at the Union office. Aside from Professor H. T. Elliot, of the General Conference, and Professor H. J. Sheldon, of the Union Conference, the following were in attendance:

Elder C. M. Babcock, of Redfield, South Dakota; Elder J. C. Nixon, of Nevada, Iowa; Elder H. M. Hiatt, of Anoka, Minnesota; Brother F. H. Yost, of Minneapolis; and Brethren B. A. Scherr and Harry Wentland of Jamestown, North Dakota.

We were glad to greet all of these brethren at our Union office; and we believe their council together will be a great help to them in their lines of work.